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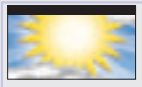

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Shop smart, city urged

Consultants roll out first of cost savings reports

By **TIM WIECLAWSKI**
Metro Ottawa

Ottawa could save at least $10 million this year just by changing some of its shopping habits, according to consultants hired to help find $100 million in efficiencies at city hall.

In the first of 12 quarterly status reports to be made over three years, Partners in Procurement Inc. consultants have made recommendations that city manager Kent Kirkpatrick said yesterday targets the way the city procures goods and services.

The purchasing report identifies paying suppliers more quickly to take advantage of discounts; encouraging discounts for longer-term contracts; homogenizing city equipment, such as vehicles, to enable larger, bulk purchases and using new contracting techniques that invite "best and final" offers, for example.

Kirkpatrick said there are three other areas that future reports will also examine for savings, with a goal of reaching $100 million in savings over three years: productivity ($35 million), technology investments ($15 million) and management of city assets, such as facilities ($15 million).

Kirkpatrick called the $100-million benchmark "a very ambitious target to put in front of staff."

Mayor Larry O'Brien said he was pleased to finally see some savings that could be coming forward.

"Darn right, it's aggressive," O'Brien said of the $100-million target. "(Staff) are going to have to work hard and be creative and work in a focused manner to achieve these."

But Ottawa and District Labour Council president Sean McKenny was skeptical the savings could be found without damaging service levels for city programs.

"How could it not hurt services? The community is strapped as it is." he said.

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initial savings

» The initial numbers are the beginning of $35 million in savings that staff hopes to find through procurement changes over three years.

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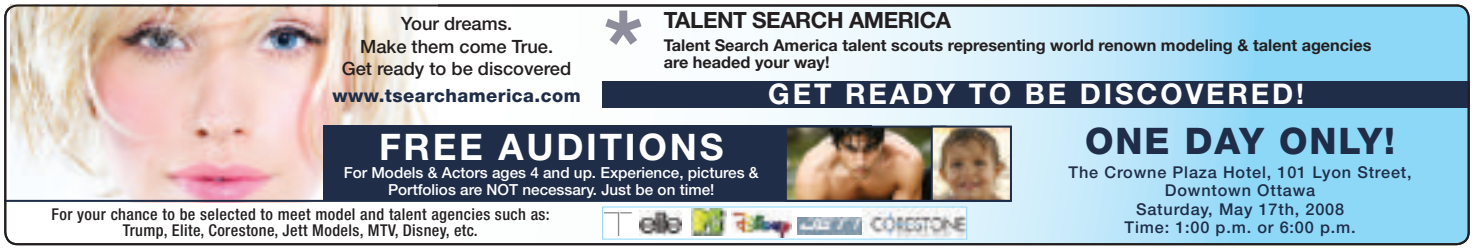
National Gallery's 20th

Robb Barnes walks though the National Gallery of Canada yesterday, against a spectacular backdrop of glass and the city beyond. The gallery is set to mark the 20th anniversary of its landmark building at 380 Sussex Dr. on Sunday with a day of dancing, shows, concerts, confetti, guided tours of the architecture and a giant birthday cake. Visit *gallery.ca/anniversary* for details.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The pieces continue to fall in place for the $159-million redevelopment of the Ottawa Congress Centre after city council yesterday committed to a $40-million share in the project, on condition that the federal government provides its promised $50 million. SOURCE: CITY OF OTTAWA

Private space trips on the way

Rutan works to do what NASA has 'neglected'

By **TRACEY TONG**
Metro Ottawa

The developer of the world's first privately-built aircraft to reach space — and winner of the $10-million Ansari X prize — credits the advances he experienced as a child for his work today.

"The jet age had started and the missile age started and there was an enormous jump in the perfection of aircraft," said Burt Rutan, in Ottawa for the first time last night to speak at the Ottawa Flying Club's Wings dinner.

"Those who become innovators are those who have experienced advances when they were children."

If that's the case, Rutan must have experienced a lot of advances — the 64-year-old Portland, Oregon, native developed SpaceShipOne and Voyager, the first aircraft to circle the globe non-stop without refueling, and is now working with Virgin Group founder Richard Branson to form a new aerospace business.

"In the early '60s, with the advances, I'd assumed that I'd spend vacation in orbit by now," he said. That will happen, he said, but it'll be private enterprise, not government, that will take people there.

JAMES MACLENNAN/FOR METRO OTTAWA

Aerospace engineer Burt Rutan spoke at the Ottawa Flying Club last night. The designer of the first privately-funded aircraft to reach space says the space-tourism dream is close to reality.

"I would like to achieve a goal that NASA has neglected," said Rutan. "I want to make flight outside the atmosphere accessible to the common man by making sub-orbital flights available to space tourists."

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> *Engineer Burt Rutan*

The flight would be 90 minutes long. The passenger would experience weightlessness for four minutes, said Rutan, who estimates 100,000 people will go into space in the first 10 years.

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'Black money' scam now targeting Ottawa citizens

Arrest warrants have been issued for two city men suspected in a scam that has bilked three area residents of $72,000 since last November.

So far, there are three victims of the "black money" scam, but police believe there are others who have yet to report, or who are being targeted, said Det. Mark Simmons, of the Organized Fraud Section.

The scam sees the perpetrators try to persuade people that piles of bank note-sized paper are real money, which have been dyed black in order to smuggle the currency out of another country.

The suspect will appear to turn the paper into real currency by using chemicals that clean off the black dye, said Simmons. The victim is told that they can double or triple their money by buying chemicals to clean the 'money.'

"The potential victim will be approached and will be shown a sleight-of-hand trick," Simmons said. "It's what I would call a gambler's fraud."

Brothers Victor Onana (alias John or Jean), and Vincent Onana (alias Abdul or Stephane), both age 29, are wanted on arrest warrants and face charges of extortion, fraud over $5,000 and possession of property obtained by crime. They were also charged with similar offences last November.

Anyone with information on the individuals can call Simmons at 613-236-1222, ext. 5918.

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Quebec Rapibus project gets in gear

Pomerleau to manage $3.4M transport contract

By **TRACEY TONG**
Metro Ottawa

A $195-million rapid-transit bus system to serve the Outaouais region rolled forward yesterday with the selection of a Quebec construction company to handle the project's $3.4-million management contract.

Pomerleau Inc. will be managing the Societe de Transport de l'Outaouais's Rapibus project, said STO chairwoman Louise Poirier, after members of a selection committee unanimously chose the firm that was also responsible for the Lac-Leamy hotel complex, expansions at the airports in Ottawa and Montreal, two Laval subway stations and the recent expansion of the STO garage, among other projects.

"Pomerleau has lots of experience in the field," said Poirier.

A rapid-transit system with a dedicated route, the Rapibus project will run along an existing railway in a two-way, 17-kilometre corridor reserved exclusively for buses. It has three starting points at Lorrain Street in the east, Freeman Road in the north and Alexandre-Tache in the south.

Parking facilities with 1,700 spaces and a bicycle path will be added along the corridor.

Last year, more than 18 million people used the STO and Poirier said people are in need of faster service with dedicated bus lanes.

"We've decided it's the way to provide service."

Council comes up with needle clean-up cash

The city's public health department will use $100,000 it saved by the recent departure of its former medical officer of health to enhance its needle collection program.

Councillor Diane Holmes said the money was earmarked as compensation for Dr. David Salisbury, but since he left, and before his successor is named, the cash can be used as one-time funding to clean up needles discarded on city streets.

The community and protective services committee had asked the province to pay the entire $200,000 cost of needle clean up after the Ontario government continued to fund a harm-reduction program that city council discontinued, but provincial politicians refused. Council amended that motion today to ask Ontario to at least match the $100,000 that it is providing.

Whether the provincial cash comes or not, Holmes said at least the city's money will be used to start work on cleaning up the problem immediately.

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Supporters to help pay swan costs

Fundraisers look to lessen burden on taxpayers

By **TIM WIECLAWSKI**
Metro Ottawa

A fundraising effort to build a new winter house for Ottawa's royal swans will launch the same day as the birds are released into the Rideau River for the summer.

Though nothing is finalized, Clarence Dungey, media officer for CUPE 503, and Save Our Swans member, said the campaign should start in early June.

"We're toying with the concept of looking for one loonie from each of our supporters, sort of a 'Loonies for Swans,' thing," said Dungey. "We'll be looking for a sponsor to collect that."

Yesterday council voted to work with Save Our Swans to help raise money to cushion the burden on the taxpayer of building the swans a new centre.

The swans, whose ancestors were given to Ottawa as a gift from the Queen for Canada's centennial, were nearly given up as a cost-saving measure in the 2008 budget.

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» Dungey said they have no target for the program, but optimistically he'd like to raise around $100,000.

At the time, council had decided that it could not afford to build a new $500,000 facility to house the swans through the winter.

"There was some work that was done to go back and relook at the design that was proposed," said Coun. Maria McRae. "My understanding is that even the location they are looking at now is probably going to be more modest."

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New home goes up in flames

BY **TRACEY TONG**
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Fire destroyed a two-and-a-half storey house under construction in south Ottawa early yesterday morning.

Firefighters were called to a fully involved house fire at 6796 Suncrest Rd. in Greely at 4:03 a.m., said platoon Chief Dave Stephenson, who added that "the roof was halfway into the house" by the time crews arrived.

"Fire was coming out of the walls. It was that far gone. The house is pretty well finished."

Fifty firefighters with 14 trucks spent 90 minutes battling the blaze, building a pool system from which to draw water, and shuttling the water to the fire. The area is not serviced by a municipal water system.

Stephenson said the house was under construction, but was nearly completed.

"There was no furniture in it, nobody living in it and it was still under ownership of the construction company," he said. Damage is estimated at $400,000.

Stephenson said that nobody had noticed the fire earlier because it was in a rural area where few people drive by so early in the day.

"It's unknown what the cause is at this point," he said. "Nothing has been determined yet."

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Drug linked to higher death risk

Ottawa-led study reveals risk of surgery medication

A massive Canadian study that caused a popular heart surgery drug to be pulled from the shelves last November has shown it increased the risk of death by 50 per cent over two rival medications.

Pharmaceutical giant Bayer AG voluntarily removed the anti-bleeding drug Aprotinin, which was marketed as Trasylol, from circulation when early results from the University of Ottawa-led study began to reveal its relative risks.

"The ..... study will change the way heart surgery is done around the world," said Dr. David Mazer, an anesthesiologist at Toronto's St. Michael's Hospital and a co-author of the paper, the final draft of which was published online by the New England Journal of Medicine yesterday.

"It was a bit of a surprise in seeing this," said Dr. Paul Hebert, a critical care physician at the Ottawa Hospital and a principal study investigator. "We've ..... shown, we think reasonably definitively, that (Aprotinin) increases the risk of death as compared to two alternatives."

Hebert said the study showed that of "every 50 patients treated with Aprotinin, one (more) patient would die" over those who received either of the other clotting drugs. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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York University biology professor Laurence Packer examines a carpenter bee from Kenya. It's among more than 100,000 bee specimens in the university's collection. Packer is leading international bee experts in Toronto this week to devise a global plan to identify all bee species in the world. Nearly 20,000 species have already been identified and Packer thinks there could be 5,000 more.

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» **PREVENTION** Many collisions can be prevented when drivers learn to share the road, the members of three Quebec police forces said. Officers from MRC des Collines, la Surete du Quebec and Gatineau Police are working to spread the message of courtesy on the road during Road Courtesy Month in Quebec. Today, roadside stops will be set up at Alonzo-Wright Bridge and Highway 105 to spread the message. **METRO OTTAWA**

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» **RULING** One hundred years after Parliament created a juvenile justice system, a ruling from the Supreme Court of Canada tomorrow could determine whether young offenders will still be treated differently than adults and whether federal Conservatives push ahead with plans to toughen sentences for violent youths.

» **COFFEE** So much for the House blend. Despite the new morning debates at Queen's Park, there will be no cafe lattes or double-double coffees for MPPs in the Legislature, a parliamentary committee has decreed.

» **WILDLIFE** Zoo officials are downplaying reports of foul play involving the death of 40 stingrays at the Calgary Zoo, despite earlier contradictory comments that suggested a possible poisoning. But, despite a lack of evidence to support the theory the stingrays were deliberately poisoned, the Calgary Zoo has called in the assistance of the city cops.

» **JAIL** A Fredericton man will be jailed after refusing to pay a fine for skateboarding on city streets, cbc.ca reports. Lee Breen, 25, was fined in the summer of 2007. The fine increased from $50 to $100 when Breen failed to pay it. A judge ordered him in April to pay the fine or be sent to jail for five days. Breen turned himself in yesterday, and was taken into custody. It is not clear whether he will have to serve the full five days in prison. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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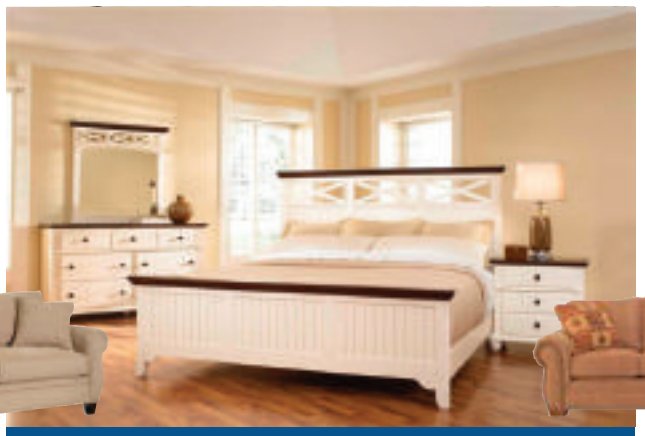

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» **ENDANGERED** Polar bears were listed yesterday as threatened under the U.S. Endangered Species Act because their sea ice habitat is melting away.

» **EXECUTION** The EU condemned the resumption of judicial executions in the U.S. yesterday and said abolishing capital punishment was a fundamental right. REUTERS

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Survivors of the Myanmar cyclone eat a meal at a relief centre. The UN suggested 2.5 million people have been affected by the storm.

UN says 2.5M in need of aid

Top donors to meet on Myanmar

The United Nations estimated those affected by the Myanmar cyclone at up to 2.5 million yesterday and called an urgent meeting of big donors and Asian states as the Myanmar junta continued to limit foreign aid.

The European Union's top aid official said the military government's restrictions were increasing the risk of starvation and disease.

UN humanitarian affairs chief John Holmes told reporters that there were now between 1.6-2.5 million people who were "severely affected" by Cyclone Nargis and urgently needed aid, up from a previous estimate of at least 1.5 million people. REUTERS

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» Another powerful storm was reported to be heading Myanmar's way.

John Edwards endorses Obama as candidate

Edwards

Former presidential candidate John Edwards will endorse Barack Obama's Democratic White House bid, Edward's confirmed yesterday, giving a big boost to the Illinois senator in his effort to rally the party around his candidacy.

Edwards dropped out of the Democratic race in January and was heavily courted by both Obama and rival Hillary Clinton in the past few months. REUTERS

China fears bursting dams

The death toll from China's deadliest earthquake in decades climbed to nearly 15,000 yesterday, as officials warned of calamities downstream from broken rivers and dams strained to bursting point. Two hydropower stations, where 7,000 residents remain stranded near the epicentre, were "seriously damaged." Authorities warned that dams could burst. REUTERS

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Ford Motor Co. is recalling over 650,000 of its top-selling F-150 pickups as well as a Lincoln-branded truck because of a problem with the brake hose that could cause the vehicles to lose braking power. REUTERS

RBC to take $855M writedown

Bank's shares up as investors relieved charge is not larger

Royal Bank of Canada said yesterday it will see pretax writedowns of about $855 million in the second quarter, its largest charge since the credit crisis began last summer.

The bank, Canada's biggest, said that after taxes and compensation adjustments, the charge to earnings is about $420 million. It will report its results on May 29.

Shares of Royal were up $1.15, or 2.4 pecent, at $49.77 at midday on the Toronto Stock Exchange on investor relief that the size of the loss was not larger.

Recently, Citigroup analyst Shannon Cowherd suggested that Royal could take writedowns of about $5 billion, but she later cut her estimate in half after the bank disputed that view.

Five of Canada's six major banks have been forced to take writedowns amid troubles in financial and credit markets. REUTERS

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» **OIL** Imperial Oil Ltd. has failed in a court bid to reinstate a key permit for its planned Kearl oilsands project in Alberta, increasing the odds that the $8 billion project will be delayed. A federal court ruled that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans was right in revoking its permit in March. REUTERS

CAW may suspend GM, Chrysler talks

Deadline depends on progress

The Canadian Auto Workers union could abandon trying to get early contract deals with General Motors of Canada and Chrysler LLC if progress was not been made in negotiations by 6 p.m. last night.

The union set the deadline on Monday, saying that if headway on new three-year deals is not made, negotiations would be suspended until later in the summer, when the union will be in a position to set a strike deadline. REUTERS

GM seeks $140M

» After getting $235 million in taxpayer funding for a $2.5 million capital investment project in 2005 — and announcing this week its Windsor transmission plant will close in 2010, eliminating 1,400 jobs — GM is now seeking about $140 million from the Ontario and federal governments to defray the cost of $700 million in upgrades in St. Catharines and Oshawa. Premier Dalton McGuinty said the automaker is not disqualified from more financial support. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

software

IBM offers biz info via BlackBerry

MOBILE IBM said yesterday it has started selling software that lets customers access its Cognos business intelligence software via BlackBerry mobile devices.

The Cognos program, which sells at a list price of $300 US per user, allows customers to view real-time analytics on the state of their business.

gaming

Xbox 360 reaches 10M U.S. units sold

SALES Microsoft Corp. said yesterday its Xbox 360 game machine beat Nintendo Co. Ltd.'s Wii and Sony Corp.'s PlayStation 3 to reach 10 million units in U.S. sales.

The Wii is closing in on the Xbox 360, with 8.8 million units sold as of the end of March, while Sony has totalled 4.1 million PS3 units sold. REUTERS

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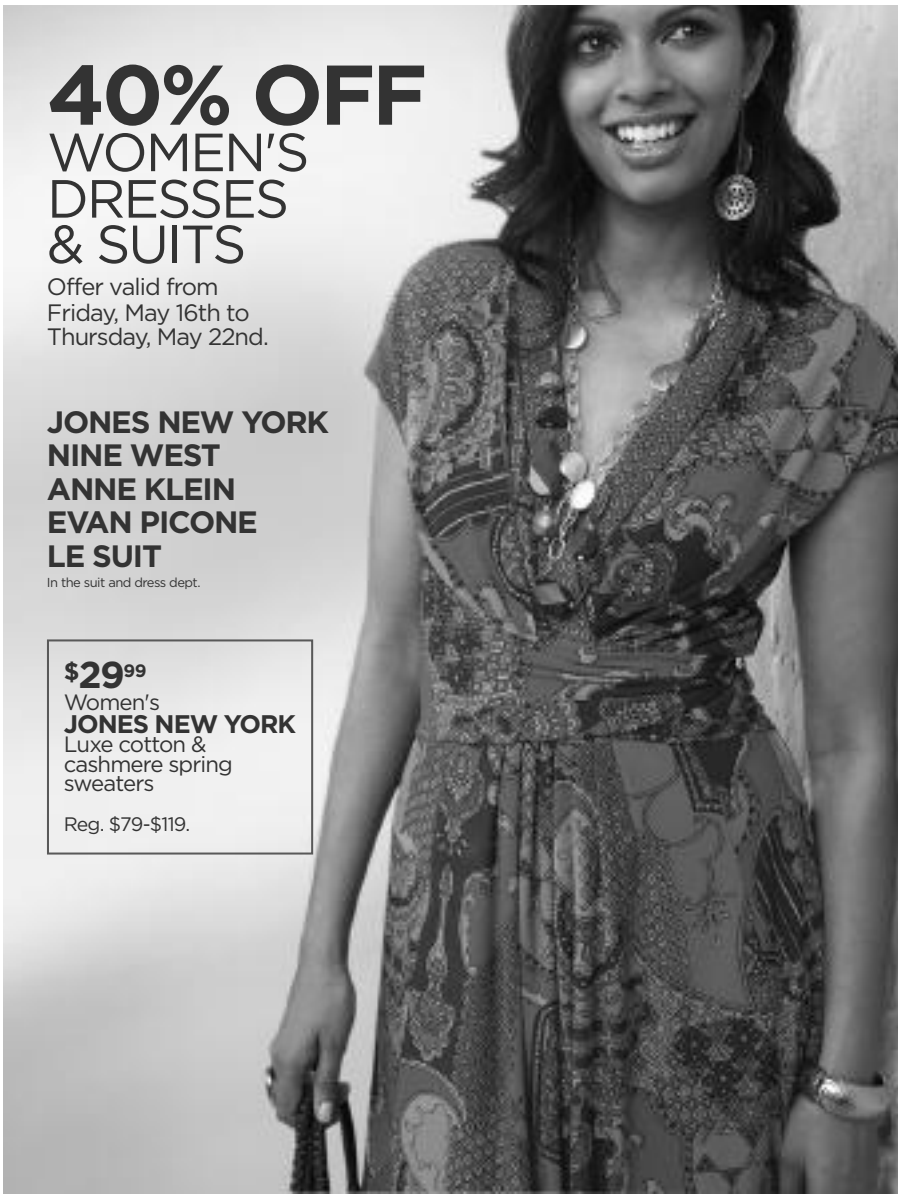

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Team Canada crushes Norway

Power play helps Canada overcome pesky squad

CANADA 8 NORWAY 2

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax

For 29 minutes and 57 seconds, Norway bent but didn't break. Then, Canada snapped the pesky squad in two.

Canada turned a 2-2 nail-biter into an 8-2 blowout with a dominating final 30 minutes in the quarter-finals at the world hockey championship yesterday at the Metro Centre as the tournament bid farewell to Halifax.

The win earned Canada a semifinal date with Sweden tomorrow in Quebec City, but it didn't come without tense moments.

"When it was 2-2, I was wondering if that ferry parked outside had a direct route to Columbus," joked head coach Ken Hitchcock, who lives in Ohio as coach of the NHL's Blue Jackets.

Norway, which nearly shocked Canada when it fought to a 2-1 loss in the round robin, was in another close game until it got into penalty trouble midway through the second period.

Jonathan Toews capitalized at 9:57 to spark the six-goal onslaught. Derek Roy followed that up with two goals in a span of 2:42 on bullet shots from the faceoff circle, making it 5-2 after 40 minutes, and completed his hat trick in the third.

"We expected a tough game — it was just a matter of us controlling the game after that and pushing them out of the game," said Canadian forward Rick Nash, who scored two goals of his own. "We had something to prove."

As goal after goal found its way past Pal Grotnes and Norway's seemingly impenetrable trap, you had to wonder how Canada had only scored four goals in the previous 90 minutes.

"They were doing things to frustrate us," Toews said. "But when you work through that, you're going to cash in, and you saw that in the final score at the end of the game."

Norway took three straight penalties in the second period that resulted in goals by Toews and Roy. Norwegian head coach Roy Johansen said his team was "punished by the referees."

"We lost the game in that moment," he said. "He gave us easy penalties and made this game impossible for us."

Hitchcock said Norway got what it deserved.

"Quite frankly, those referees caught them on the shots they got away with in the 2-1 game," he said. "We deserved to go on the power play and that's why we won."

Norway made hockey history with its first appearance in the world quarter-finals, and veteran captain Tommy Jakobsen said his team could "leave with our heads up high."

The sellout crowd of 9,192 rose to its feet and roared in the final minute, a fitting sendoff to a dominating team that won seven straight games and outscored opponents 43-12.

Sweden 3 Czech Republic 2 (OT) — Mattias Weinhandl scored in overtime to earn Olympic champions Sweden a semifinal spot with a 3-2 win over Czech Republic yesterday.

Weinhandl ended Czech medal hopes three minutes and 15 seconds into the extra session when he backhanded a loose puck from a goal-mouth scramble past Czech netminder Milan Hnlicka.

Russia 6 Switzerland 0 — Russia jumped out to an early lead, scoring three goals in the first six and a half minutes, as they cruised to a 6-0 quarter-final win over Switzerland.

Finland 3 USA 2 (OT) — Sami Lepisto scored 3:59 in overtime to give Finland a 3-2 win over the United States. The U.S. scored two goals in the last five minutes of the third to send it to overtime.

Finland will play Russia in the semifinals tomorrow in Quebec City.

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Canada's Derek Roy scores his third goal of the game on Norway's goalie Pal Grotnesa at the world hockey championship yesterday in Halifax. Canada beat Norway 8-2.

tennis

World No. 1 Henin retires from tennis

WTA World No. 1 Justine Henin announced she was retiring from professional tennis with immediate effect yesterday.

Henin, the winner of seven grand slam titles, had been expected to defend her French Open crown later this month but instead opted to turn her back on the sport at the age of just 25. She became the first woman to quit the sport while ranked No. 1

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»sports In Brief

» **MLB** Veteran outfielder Jim Edmonds is expected to sign with the Chicago Cubs. The 37-year-old was released on Friday by the San Diego Padres after batting just .178 with one home run and six RBI in 26 games this season.

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Stars beat Wings, still alive

Modano scores winner, as Dallas avoids sweep

STARS 3 RED WINGS 1

Mike Modano's third-period power-play goal proved to be the game-winner, as the Dallas Stars staved off elimination with a 3-1 win over the Detroit Red Wings in Game 4 of the Western Conference finals at American Airlines Center last night.

Loui Eriksson and Brenden Morrow also scored for the Stars, who trail the series, 3-1. Sergei Zubov collected two assists, while Marty Turco stopped 33-of-34 shots to earn the win.

Henrik Zetterberg lit the lamp for the Red Wings, who had won nine straight playoff games, the best streak in a single season in franchise history.

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Dallas Stars' Loui Eriksson, centre, scores on Detroit Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood, left, in last night's 3-1 Stars victory.

Chris Osgood allowed three goals on 22 shots to record his first loss in the postseason.

Game 5 of this series will take place in Detroit on Saturday afternoon.

Since being tied with Nashville at two games apiece in the opening round, the Red Wings had rattled off nine straight victories until last night's loss.

Detroit won the opening two games at home by scores of 4-1 and 2-1 respectively. The Red Wings then beat the Stars 5-2 in Dallas.

The Stars will have to win in Detroit, something they haven't done since March 30, 2007 to extend the series to Game 6.

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SCOREBOARD

NHL

CONFERENCE FINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
PHILADELPHIA VS. PITTSBURGH
Game 4 — Tonight
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7:30
*Game 5 — Sunday
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 3
*Game 6 — Tuesday
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7:30
*Game 7 — Thursday
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30
(Pittsburgh leads series 3-0)
WESTERN CONFERENCE
DALLAS VS. DETROIT
Game 4 — Last night
Dallas 3 Detroit 1
Game 5 — Saturday
Dallas at Detroit, 1:30
*Game 6 — Monday
Detroit at Dallas, 8
*Game 7 — Wednesday
Dallas at Detroit, 7:30
(Detroit leads series 3-1)
(* – if necessary)

NBA

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
BOSTON VS. CLEVELAND
Game 5 — Last night
Boston 96 Cleveland 89
Game 6 — Tomorrow
Boston at Cleveland, 8
*Game 7 — Sunday,
Cleveland at Boston, TBA
(Boston leads series 3-2)
DETROIT VS. ORLANDO
(Detroit wins series 4-1)
WESTERN CONFERENCE
L.A. LAKERS VS. UTAH
Game 5 — Last night
Utah at L.A. Lakers
Game 6 — Tomorrow
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 10:30
*Game 7 — Monday, May 19
Utah at L.A. Lakers, TBA
(Series tied 2-2)
NEW ORLEANS VS. SAN ANTONIO
Game 5 — Tuesday night
New Orleans 101 San Antonio 79
Game 6 — Tonight
New Orleans at San Antonio, 9
*Game 7 — Monday, May 19
San Antonio at New Orleans, TBA
(New Orleans leads series 3-2)
(* – if necessary)

MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Toronto at Minnesota
Seattle 4 Texas 3 (12)
Baltimore 6 Boston 3
Cleveland 2 Oakland 0
N.Y. Yankees 2 Tampa Bay 1
Detroit at Kansas City
Chicago Sox at L.A. Angels
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Atlanta 8 Philadelphia 6
Washington 5 N.Y. Mets 3
Florida at Cincinnati
San Diego at Chicago Cubs
L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee
Pittsburgh at St. Louis
Colorado at Arizona
Houston at San Francisco
TODAY'S GAMES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Oakland at Cleveland, 12:05
Toronto at Minnesota, 1:10
Detroit at Kansas City, 2:10
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 4:10
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels, 10:05
NATIONAL LEAGUE
L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee, 1:05
Washington at N.Y. Mets, 1:10
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 1:15
San Diego at Chicago Cubs, 2:20
Houston at San Francisco, 3:45
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7:05
Florida at Cincinnati, 7:10
Colorado at Arizona, 9:40

IIHF HOCKEY

QUARTER-FINALS
YESTERDAY'S GAMES
AT QUEBEC CITY
Russia 6 Switzerland 0
Sweden 3 Czech Republic 2 (OT)
AT HALIFAX
CANADA 8 Norway 2
Finland 3 U.S 2 (OT)
SEMIFINALS
TOMORROW
AT QUEBEC CITY
Russia vs. Finland, 1
CANADA vs. Sweden, 5
BRONZE MEDAL GAME
SATURDAY
AT QUEBEC CITY
Semifinal losers, 4
GOLD MEDAL GAME
SUNDAY
AT QUEBEC CITY
Semifinal winners, 1

MEMORIAL CUP

SCHEDULE AND SCORES FOR THE CANADIAN HOCKEY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP IN KITCHENER:
ROUND-ROBIN
Tomorrow
Gatineau vs. Kitchener, 7
Saturday
Belleville vs. Spokane, 4
Sunday
Kitchener vs. Spokane, 4:30
Monday
Belleville vs. Gatineau, 7
Tuesday
Spokane vs. Gatineau, 7
Wednesday, May 21
Kitchener vs. Belleville, 7

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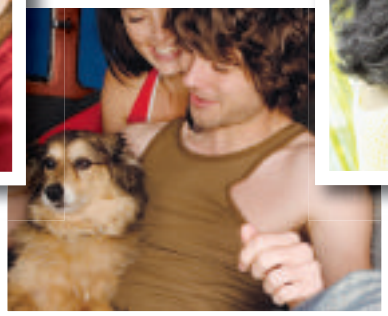

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"A lot of these high school students are involved in science projects at a university master's skill level," says Reni Barlow, Youth Science Foundation.

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Tomorrow's best brains here today

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It's the kind of event that brings back memories of your own days at high school, when you might have tackled a science project.

You know the drill — a three-sided tabletop display that outlined an idea, how it was tested and the results. For most of us, that might have been the pinnacle of our scientific work, but for 25,000 Canadian school children this past year, they worked to have their projects judged in regional science fairs and now more than 400 of them are in Ottawa to compete in the national finals.

On the line is a chance at a portion of $1 million in cash and scholarships. It has been 46 years since this national gathering of our next generation of scientists took place in Ottawa. But back in 1962, it was the first time ever for this event.

Reni Barlow is executive director of the Youth Science Foundation, which organizes the regional and national fairs. He's a former science teacher and some of his students made it to the national event. He says many of Canada's top scientists, such as astronaut Roberta Bondar, were once science fair competitors.

Some of Canada's best and brightest young scientists have descended on Ottawa.

Event judges often comment that the work they are seeing at the fair is in fact at the university level. The event's chief judge, Dr. Leonard Kleine, a University of Ottawa professor, says it's exciting to see these young people who may not have all the scientific knowledge, but they have the curiosity and the drive to ask questions.

I had the chance to go to the fair this week and talk to a lot of teens who are wise beyond their years and intense about their science.

Many are budding entrepreneurs, like Gary Kurek, the young inventor from Bonnyville, Alta., who hopes to patent his electrical power kit that turned a walker for his grandmother into a low-cost wheelchair.

Or Leah Smith and Chantal Sheaves, of Halifax, who believe they can develop a flotation device for snowmobiles to keep them from sinking if they break through ice. Her great-grandfather had the original idea but never developed it.

At the national event there are sponsorships for the talented ones, there are mentors for some, but the vast majority use their own brain power and that of friends and family and maybe a teacher to delve into a raft of subjects from the environment, to space, from rockets, to bridges, from web browsers to robots. The winners will be announced tomorrow. The public can visit the displays Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at Montpetit Hall, at uOttawa.

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK: *cwsf2008.ca* for more details on the national science fair ongoing in Ottawa.

»This Sunday, one of the stories on TECH NOW will be a look at the obsessive side of Internet gaming. And don't forget to check our website, *ctvottawa.ca*.

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Creating sunshine-friendly spaces

Strategically placed mirrored surfaces bring in the light

The glorious spring sunshine is sparkling prettily outdoors, but don't despair if you are stuck inside. The design team knows a fabulous way to bring the bright cheerful presence of sunshine into your home.

We just love to use mirrors to add light and sparkle. But think beyond the usual — mirrors can be used effectively and to lovely effect in many imaginative and unexpected ways.

For example, do you have a dark basement or other space with few windows? You can add "virtual" windows by positioning mirrors opposite your existing windows. And you can increase the amount of light directed into a room by finishing the windowsill and perhaps the side of interior window frames in mirror.

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To visually expand space, think about mounting two full-length mirrors on either side of a fireplace — it actually makes the room look as if it continues beyond the fireplace.

Or use a row of long, tall mirrors spaced across a wall for contemporary flair. An oversized mirror in a frame, tilted against a wall in a bedroom or sitting area can add drama and elegance.

A small kitchen can benefit from a mirrored backsplash. You can add interest in a small bathroom by layering two mirrored layers—a framed mirror over a mirrored wall, for example. In a child's room, you may use a collection of mirrors cut into pieces that reflect a theme, such as a collection of block shapes or stars and moons.

And mirrored furniture, besides being beautiful on its own, can also bring in light and expand space in any room of the house.

But there is one very important thing to remember about a mirror — it will reflect whatever is in front of it. So do not commit a design crime by placing a mirror in a place where it reflects a messy closet, a bathroom door, or something equally uninspiring. If you have a beautiful garden outdoors, or a woodsy backyard, cut flowers, or a work of art, reflect that lovely picture instead.

And if you put a mirror on a window sill or frame, make sure it reflects sky, or flowers or plants, for example. Do not use it to reflect a sidewalk, a utility pole, or the back side of an air conditioner. Be prepared to tilt the mirrored finish to reflect an attractive view.

Finally, avoid the dust and grime design crime. The wonderful reflective properties of mirror means that it will also reflect dirt — remember to dust or polish regularly.

To take full advantage of all the benefits of mirrors in your home, also consider the effect of putting mirror into the back of a china cabinet or using a mirrored display shelf to reflect your lovely things. Use a mirrored "place mat" to reflect a beautiful centerpiece on a table, or a gleaming china and crystal place setting. If you have a table with a damaged top, consider adding a mirrored surface. It addition to hiding the damaged tabletop, it will reflect warm lamplight or flickering candlelight. Very romantic!

Aside from the reflective benefits of mirror, it is also very practical — we've seen mirror placed on the back or above a deep pantry shelf — a godsend for those who are sick of digging through their canned goods in search of an elusive ingredient.

And as for gazing at yourself (another practical use for the mirror) consider bronze mirrors — they make people look healthier, younger, and ready to head out with confidence and optimism into that spring sunshine.

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When placed strategically, mirrors can help bring outdoor light into your space. This photo is from the book Learning To See: Bringing The World Around You Into Your Home, by Vincente Wolf.

Tammy Schnurr and Jeffrey Fisher are hosts of Arresting Design on W Network. Tammy is an interior decorator. Jeffrey designs home furnishings and bedding through his company Jeffrey Fisher Home.

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The tale of the growing cake

MacMaster learns never to fiddle with recipes

Natalie MacMaster is a world famous fiddler and step dancer. She first picked up the fiddle at age nine and is the niece of famed Cape Breton fiddler Buddy MacMaster. Among her numerous awards, she is especially proud of being named a member of the Order of Canada in 2006. Her latest album Yours Truly was co-produced by Natalie and her husband, fellow fiddle virtuoso Donnell Leahy of the Canadian band Leahy. Natalie has a Bachelor of Education degree from the Nova Scotia Teacher's College. As part of a national tour, Natalie will perform at Casino Rama on May 23 and 24. She will then take the stage at Ottawa's National Arts Centre on June 5 and Edmonton's Hawrelak Park Amphitheatre on August 8.

Natalie MacMaster always enjoyed playing the fiddle while sitting in the rocking chair in the kitchen.

Q What is your fondest memory from your family kitchen?

A When I think of my parents' kitchen I immediately think of great food and music. I always enjoyed playing the fiddle while sitting in the rocking chair in the kitchen.

Q What kitchen aromas bring back fond memories?

A The smell of my mom's homemade cinnamon rolls. I also love the smell of fresh baked bread and deep fried chicken.

Q Who is your favourite cook?

A I really enjoy fine dining at restaurants where I get to try foods prepared by a variety of chefs.

Q What is your favourite food to cook?

A I love to prepare pasta. I experiment with different sauces from recipes in cookbooks.

Q How did the first meal you prepared turn out?

A I never truly discovered the joy of cooking until I got married. One of the most memorable meals was the first time I had my in-laws over for dinner. I decided to bake a cake and inadvertently put three cups of baking powder in the mixing bowl instead of three cups of flour. Needless to say, the results were interesting. I kept checking the oven and the cake just kept growing and growing. I took pictures of the finished product.

Q What kitchen gadget can't you live without?

A I love my cheese grater. Many of my dishes call for cheese and having a good cheese grater is really indispensable to me.

Q Is there a cultural dish that you prepare that ties into a holiday?

A I learned to make Shepherd's Pie just the way my mom does. Whenever the family gets together either my mom or I make it. It is a great recipe!

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Natalie's Pasta Sauce

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2 cups heavy cream
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Ingredients:

2-3 pounds pork side ribs
1 cup pure maple syrup
3 tablespoons frozen orange juice concentrate
3 tablespoons ketchup
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon curry powder
1 clove garlic, minced
2 green onions, minced
1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds

Method:

1. Soak maple planks in sink or clean bucket filled with water for at least one hour (this can be done during first stage of cooking the ribs).
2. Light one side of your barbeque, and preheat until temperature gauge shows - 350ºF (175ºC). Place ribs meat side up in a 9x13-inch roasting pan. Cover pan tightly with foil and place on the unlit side of your barbecue. Bake for 1 1/4 hours. This step can also be done in the oven.
3. In a saucepan over medium heat on the stove or on the side-burner of the barbeque, combine maple syrup, orange juice concentrate, ketchup, soy sauce, mustard and Worcestershire sauce. Stir in curry powder, garlic and green onions. Simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.
4. Remove ribs from roasting pan, and baste completely meat side and bone side with warm sauce. Retain 1/2 of sauce for additional basting. Place ribs on soaked maple planks bone side down. Put the planks with the ribs on them on one side of the barbeque with low heat setting directly underneath them. Turn the other side of the barbecue to high and close lid. Keep temperature around 350ºF. Planks should begin to smoke within a few minutes, and produce a sweet fragrant smoke in your barbecue. Adjust the amount of smoke you would like to add by increasing or decreasing direct heat underneath the planks, and opening and closing the lid. Do not allow planks to catch fire. Allow ribs to cook on the planks for 25 minutes. Use remaining sauce to baste ribs several times throughout cooking. Remove planks with ribs on them from the grill and place the planks directly on a plate or tray for serving.

COURTESY OF NEWS CANADA

Cool facts about coffee

Coffee and conversation have gone hand-in-hand for centuries, so here are some chat-worthy tidbits about the popular brew:

» Coffee beans are actually the pits of coffee cherries, and each cherry contains two coffee beans.

» The coffee 'tree,' which is in fact a variety of a tropical evergreen shrub, takes five to six years to mature before producing full yields.

» Once mature, a tree produces approximately four to five pounds of cherries annually, which is the rough equivalent of one pound of roasted coffee.

» When roasting, coffee beans double in size due to natural expansion of gases, but lose 20 per cent of their weight because of the loss of gases.

» Amazingly, in North America over 650 million cups of coffee are sold per day, every day.

» Coffee is North America's second largest commodity, right behind oil.

NEWS CANADA

metro TOP 5IVE

Long-weekend foods:

1. Largemouth bass, straight out of the lake, cooked over an open fire
2. Barbecued ribs, right
3. Burgers, and lots of them
4. S'mores, baked in aluminum foil by the campfire coals
5. Bacon, eggs and old-fashioned percolated coffee

— Douglas Dunlop/for Metro Ottawa

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Actress Naomi Watts, left, has been unveiled as the new face of designer Thierry Mugler's Angel fragrance. IMDB.COM

new drama

Spelling in talks for 90210 role

CASTING Tori Spelling, who played Donna Martin on Beverly Hills, 90210, is in negotiations to reprise her role in the CW network's upcoming spin-off, which recently cast Jennie Garth as a counsellor at West Beverly High, *People.com* reports.

"Jennie is already on board for the series and we have been in touch about it," Spelling says. "I would love to see our characters Kelly and Donna together again and get the chance to work with my friend again."

drug allegations

Amy Winehouse won't be charged

Winehouse

PEOPLE Amy Winehouse has escaped legal action in Britain in connection with video footage that appeared to show her taking drugs, *People.com* reports.

"Police have confirmed that no action will be taken against Amy Winehouse," her U.S. rep said yesterday.

Winehouse was arrested earlier this month after a video surfaced of her allegedly taking narcotics.

new book

James Frey fiction praised, slammed

PEOPLE James Frey's first book since the scandal over his 2005 bestseller is receiving mixed reviews. But at least this time everyone agrees the book is fiction, Reuters reports.

Frey sparked a literary outcry when it was discovered chunks of A Million Little Pieces had been fabricated. This time there is no argument over Bright Shiny Morning, a book the New York Times says restores his reputation as a writer. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Exposing the paparazzi

'You have to love the stars to be in this business'

By **ELISABETH BRAW**
Metro World News

GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTOS

Britney Spears, left, Lindsay Lohan and Paris Hilton have provided more material than anyone in Hollywood history, according to the woman behind tinseltown's most successful paparazzi agency.

Brandy Navarre is the most important Hollywood personality you've never heard of. That is because her life is behind the camera, not in front of it. Navarre runs Hollywood's most successful paparazzi agency.

Brandy and husband Regis entered the paparazzi world 10 years ago, when Regis realized photographing celebrities was more lucrative than his job as a correspondent for Agence France-Presse. Today their agency, X17, employs nearly 70 photographers, far more than any other organization. "You have to love the stars in order to be in this business," says Brandy, a former Reuters TV reporter. "But what has made us so successful is that we almost befriend them."

The Navarres have used this tactic on close to every Hollywood celebrity; Brandy claims that only Woody Harrelson dislikes them.

"If we see a blond woman in an expensive car we look more closely, and if she turns out to be a celebrity we introduce ourselves. I usually say something like 'We will be following you a bit, but it's nothing to worry about,'" explains X17 photographer Daniel Ramos.

Ramos was one of the X17 photographers who staked out the hair salon where Britney Spears shaved her head. It was his car that she hit with the umbrella afterwards.

On X17's website, X17online.com, 300,000 visitors view the latest celebrity shots every day. Brandy has seen the paparazzi business change fundamentally during the past few years. "Now people are following celebrities like the ultimate reality show. The truth is stranger and more entertaining than fiction."

With Spears, Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan — Hollywood's reigning bad-girl triumvirate — the truth is strange indeed. "Sometimes they're friends. Sometimes they hate each other. Sometimes they don't wear underwear. They get arrested for drunk driving. These three women have provided more material for the public than anything in the history of Hollywood," observes Brandy.

In this age of around-the-clock celebrity coverage, paparazzi have become a real authority. "Britney's downward spiral isn't important news, but people are interested", says Brandy. "War photos used to get people's attention. Now it's celebrities."

Coldplay on mission to connect with fans

Band plans tour, drops free single ahead of new disc

The album that will put the new EMI under its greatest global scrutiny to date is also 2008's most eagerly awaited release. That's the official word from Coldplay's new boss.

The band's Viva La Vida or Death and All His Friends will be released June 17 in North America on Capitol. EMI Group chairman Guy Hands, who led the buyout of the music company last summer through his private-equity firm Terra Firma, says, "Right across the world, this is the most anticipated album of the year."

> « *Right across the world, this is the most anticipated album of the year.* »
> *EMI Group chairman Guy Hands*

As the followup to the British melodic rock band's X&Y album of summer 2005, which scaled global sales north of 10 million units, according to the label, it's a significant release for many reasons. Just as Viva La Vida is a bold musical statement by a group that Martin says had grown to feel "a little dirty" by the end of its last campaign, the importance of this album to the new EMI, in the midst of its management restructuring, is hard to overstate.

But Martin, sitting in the band's own studio, the Bakery in northwest London, offers a typically relaxed and realistic interpretation.

"Being on a major label at the moment is like living in your grandparents' house," he says. "Everyone knows they need to move out, and they will eventually, but we kind of like our grandmother.

"It's obviously an antiquated model, because of the Internet, but we really love the people we work with. If we knew what the solution was to everything, then we'd do it. We have absolute respect for the Radioheads and Raconteurs and people who can do what they like. We're in contract though, so we're just going to make the most of it and enjoy the people we get to work with."

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Chris Martin acknowledges the current label model is outdated.

In a bold move to reassert its close relationship with its fans, Coldplay made the album's first single, Violet Hill, available as a free download April 29, shifting more than two million units in its week of being available for free, according to EMI. A cover-mounted 7-inch vinyl edition of the single was given away with the May 10 issue of British weekly NME, which went on sale May 6 — the only physical version of the single to be made available, although it also went on sale at digital outlets the same day.

"Of course we want to sell a lot of records," Martin says. "But we want to get right back to the root of everything, by saying, 'Here you go, have a song, have a concert.' All that other stuff we have to do because we're in contract, that's all going to happen, of course, but it's just starting from that place. It makes us feel good as a group of people." REUTERS

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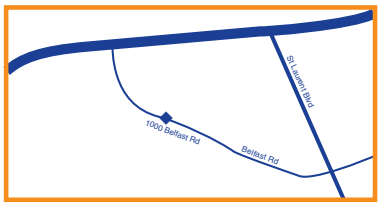

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Idol showdown

Next week's Idol finale will pit man against boy

By **SANDY CAETANO**
for Metro Ottawa

The results are in – next week's American Idol finale will see man pitted against boy, David Cook versus David Archuleta.

So it's come down to the rocker and the balladeer, and who's crowned king this season will be left in the hands of American viewers at the end of next week's performance show. And though these two guys have been great competitors with solid performances — Syesha Mercado, who was eliminated during last night's show, was also battling her way to the end.

Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to land her a spot in the final two. And though it may be upsetting to many of her fans, Mercado did get a lot of exposure while in the singing competition and has a good chance of making it on her own in the music industry.

Mercado was one of the most improved this season, and as her fellow competitors were being voted off the show, it gave her more of a chance to shine and prove just how remarkable her powerful voice is.

During last night's show, host Ryan Seacrest announced that a season high of nearly 56 million votes came pouring in this week following the end of Tuesday's performance episode. And it was Mercado's turn to say goodbye.

Before the results were read, and the top two revealed, the three remaining competitors gave viewers one final group performance, while the rest of the show focused on each of the competitors' hometown visits.

Viewers were also treated to a performance by former American Idol winner Fantasia Barrino, who sang her latest song Bore Me. The title of that song says it all. Well, that and the bewildered look on judge Simon Cowell's face.

As Seacrest got ready to announce who was moving on, he picked up a few comments from the judges.

"If you're really, really lucky, the world is going to watch ... and the world will remember all three of you," said Paula Abdul.

"There's too many words, I don't know what to say ... I just want to say thank you," said Mercado before singing Alicia Keys' If I Ain't Got You.

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Fahrenheit sequel in the works

Michael Moore is at work on a sequel to Fahrenheit 9/11, his hit documentary about the Iraq war, with plans to release it next spring when a new administration is installed in the White House, imdb.com reports.

The film is being jointly financed and distributed by Overture Films, a subsidiary of John Malone's Liberty Media, and the Paramount speciality subsidiary Paramount Vantage. The studios said this week that Moore had agreed to a delay in the release so that it would not appear to be taking sides with any candidate.

The original film was the most successful documentary ever made — grossing nearly $220 million US worldwide.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Shameless Shatner

IDIOT BOX
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TO BOLDLY GO: As celebrities go, William Shatner is the gift that keeps on giving, having long since won the battle to turn shameless self-parody into a positive character trait, and a beneficial career move. The tragedy of Shatner is that almost nobody, except perhaps Christopher Walken, has managed to pull off anything resembling this feat.

In an article on his new autobiography on the *contactmusic.com* site, Shatner is quoted on the inadvisability of getting involved with fans — or Star Trek fans, at the very least. Citing what sounds like personal experience, Shatner says fans arrived at the captain's quarters, so to speak, with a few issues, and more than a few fantasies, in tow. They would insist on being "beamed up" — whatever that's supposed to mean — and would shriek "So, this is what it's like to be in bed with Captain Kirk!"

"You can't imagine how much of a downer that is in every sense of the word," Shatner writes. And that, Scotty, is what we call too much information.

TV IS POLITICS BY OTHER MEANS: As if he didn't have enough to worry about with a credit crisis, botched new tax policies and a recent electoral trouncing, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown is apparently launching a charm offensive, with new policies aiding housing, families and schools and, if an Associated Press story yesterday is to be believed, a tentative plan to appear on a reality TV show.

> « *So, this is what it's like to be in bed with Captain Kirk!* »
> *Actor William Shatner on fans*

Brown is entertaining a spot as a guest judge on Junior P.M., a British reality show modelled roughly on The Apprentice, where contestants try to prove they have what it takes to lead a constitutional monarchy. Brown has admitted to being a fan of reality shows in the past, and has to deal with an image problem that dogs him as glum and humourless.

To this end, according to the Associated Press story, he has tried to soften his image recently, "holding talks with pop star Shakira and recording a video message for American Idol." It sounds promising, at least — the long conflict between Shakira and Britain has been a problem for the country's foreign policy.

Of course, none of this seems to have done much good, as Brown's Labour party suffered terribly at the hands of the Tories in recent elections, and is presumed to likely do as poorly at a special election next week.

GETTY IMAGES

Former Star Trek star William Shatner discusses the downside of getting involved with fans in a recent article.

Here's a radical idea — maybe Brown shouldn't be running about trying to look like someone's dad throwing gang signs and going emo; perhaps this might at least partially account for his party's poor performance in the polls. A humourless politician, at least, is one that doesn't give the impression he has something to laugh about, at our potential expense.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera. He walked 47 miles of barbed wire and has a cobra snake for a necktie.

Slice network's X-Weighted gains another season

ON TV
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Life wouldn't be life without having to face challenges on a daily basis.

These can range from meeting deadlines at school or work, not being able to pursue the career you really want or having to deal with the loss of a loved one.

Yet, we all deal with such struggles differently. Some of us bottle it inside, some are able to talk about it, while others may overeat.

Food isn't an escape from your worries, it just makes it all that much harder to cope and adds more problems to your list.

The third season of Slice's X-Weighted, which premiered last week, is a series of 13 one-hour long documentaries chronicling the lives of normal people trying to bag that excess fat.

Over a period of six months these people will push their minds and bodies to the limits to get back on track of living a healthy life.

In the premiere episode, Debbi, a 26-year-old homemaker, wife and mother of three from Calgary, hardly recognized herself anymore. In her mind's eye she sees herself as thin, but when she looks at photos or sees herself in a mirror she's horrified. But she was able to shed 39 lbs.

During last night's episode, 26-year-old Gaia, also from Calgary, is an out-of-shape, roller-derby mama who wants to battle her weight and self-esteem issues to become a role model for her toddler daughter. And now she's happier having achieved her weight-loss goal.

Like Gaia and Debbi, all the people on the show are given guidance from experts in fitness, nutrition and self-esteem.

Catch X-Weighted Wednesdays on Slice at 8 p.m.

Sandy Caetano has been with Metro for five years, and covers reality shows from Canadian Idol to The Bachelor. She's interviewed stars like Leanne Rimes, Lionel Richie, Paul Anka, Good Charlotte and more.

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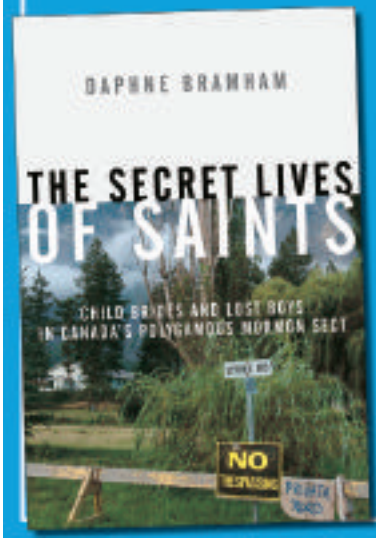

IN CANADA?

Winston Blackmore of Bountiful, B.C., says it's God's will that he has **dozens of wives and scores of children**. Canada's most outspoken polygamist has **publicly admitted to marrying girls as young as fifteen**. Polygamy and sex with minors are both illegal in Canada and yet Blackmore and this cult flourish. ***The Secret Lives of Saints*** is a riveting, shocking account of the founding and flourishing of the polygamous, fundamentalist Mormon sect in Bountiful, B.C.

ONE WOMAN'S FLIGHT

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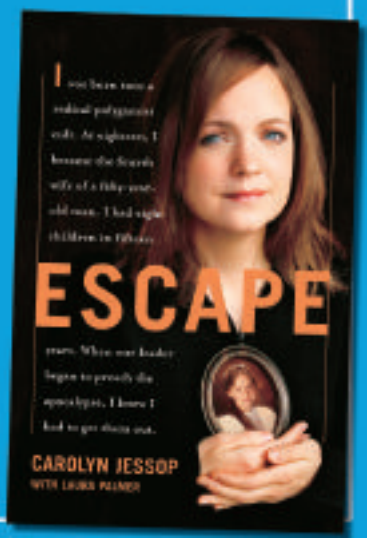

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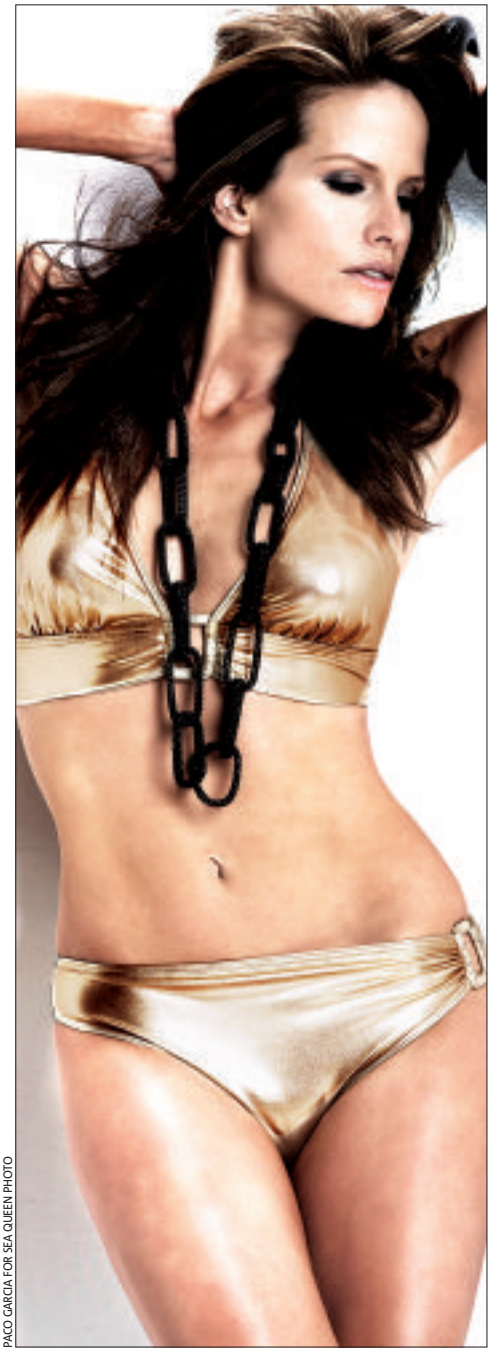


PACO GARCIA FOR SEA QUEEN PHOTO

Monika Schnarre models the Monte Carlo Molten Gold Halter Bikini, $120, from the Sea Queen swimwear line.

Dive into swimsuit shopping

Model Monika Schnarre talks to Metro about tips on finding that perfect fit

By **SANDY CAETANO**
for Metro Ottawa

With the hot summer months just around the corner, it's time to start shopping for a killer, trendy wardrobe. And that means trying to get your hands on that perfect swimsuit.

Many women dread shopping for swimwear, and many leave the fitting room empty-handed, frustrated.

But it doesn't have to be that way, says Canadian actress and supermodel Monika Schnarre. When picking out the swimsuit that bests suits your personality and body type, the first thing to do is to find something that flatters your assets, she says.

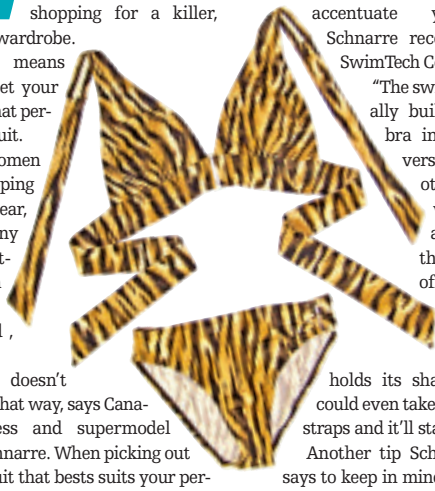
And don't be afraid to show off your goods — as long as you're comfortable with it, she adds.

"You know what, you want to accentuate your assets and then cover up your flaws," Schnarre tells Metro. "So if you're a little bigger in the hips, you'll probably want to wear a skirted bottom. If you have children or you're not comfortable with a bare stomach, you might want to go with a one-piece that has a tummy liner built in."

With the recent release of the Sea Queen Swimwear Collection 2008, a runway-inspired line, Schnarre says there's so much variety that there really is something for everyone. And if you're looking to accentuate your chest, Schnarre recommends the SwimTech ContourLift Bra.

"The swim suit is actually built around the bra instead of vice versa, and like other suits where as soon as they get wet they tend to fall off, this one doesn't," says Schnarre. "It actually holds its shape ... you could even take off the straps and it'll stay on."

Another tip Schnarre says to keep in mind is to try wearing a heel around the pool. This will help elongate the leg. The key is to know your flaws and minimize them. Things such as a tan from a bottle or a spray tan is also great for the summer.



ABOVE: Santorini Tiger Print Halter Bikini, $95.
RIGHT: Monte Carlo Molten Gold Maillot with SwimTech ContourLift Bra, $110.

Montecristo Maillot with Moulded Bra, $110, from Sea Queen. For retailers near you, visit *www.seaqueen.ca*.

"And accessorizing, with hats and jewelry is fun and adds to your look ... and you especially want to have a great manicure and pedicure," she says.

Some of this year's trends include adding belts to your swimsuit, and the empire waist is also popular since it creates the illusion of length and camouflages a bottom-heavy figure or thick waist.

Schnarre says many of the dresses we see on the runway have been translated to swimsuits, such as the empire waist, metallics and animal prints.

"We're also seeing one-pieces making a huge comeback, with a bit of a throw back to the '30s and '40s," she says. "Some of my favourites are the one-pieces; throw on a sarong and it looks like a beautiful summer dress."

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Summer style

Stick to neutrals, but have fun with accessories: Experts

By **BRIAN TOWIE**
for Metro Ottawa

Here's the situation: You're on the prowl for an office job. You may not have a lot of resources, but you're entering the paycheque world — an environment where how you look is almost as important, if not just as important, as what you know.

"It's true that appearance isn't everything, but it is the first thing people notice and often judge you on," says Laura Shankland of H&M Canada. "You only get once chance to make a first impression."

Professional wardrobes are possible on a tight budget, the experts say. Gap Inc. fashion consultant Tara Wickwire says whether you're a man or a woman, you can't lose with a basic three-piece suit. It can be worn together, or can be broken up and paired with other pieces you've got hanging in the closet, especially if you stick to the neutrals (meaning grey, blue and khaki). Do yourself a favour and pick up a white shirt while you're at it as well — it's among the most versatile and polished pieces of office wear you can own, Wickwire says.

"Keep your foundations to a basic palette and then accessorize with colour in bags, belts or even heels," Wickwire says. "That way, you create a lot of options for yourself."

"Choose key separates such as cotton or linen blazers and pants for men. Women can wear the same but also have the option of selecting a skirt or dress," notes Shankland. "Add an accent colour in the shirt or with an accessory, such as a scarf for women or a pocket handkerchief for men. For summer 2008, the predominant colours are dark brown, bright red and turquoise."

Be careful with those options, however. Even though it is the summertime, the often unspoken rules for attire in the office still apply. Short sleeve and three-quarter blazers are a growing trend for ladies, Wickwire says. They allow you to keep cool without showing too much skin. In a place of business, Shankland says you're better off erring on the side of caution.

"Keep it simple and don't go over the top with bold patterns or by over accessorizing," says Shankland. "Keep overly summery items for outside the office, and don't reveal too much skin. Save your flip-flops for the weekend."

But above all else, the experts say, you should find a style and comfort level that work for you, and a look that says you're an individual, you know what you're doing and you're confident.

"The most important thing when selecting clothes for job hunting is to ensure that you will be comfortable in what you are wearing," Shankland says. "You need to let your true personality show and you definitely don't want to be adjusting your garments during the interview."

Organic cotton skirt, $39.90, and multi-coloured scarf, far left, $7.90, both available at H&M.
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Adding colour in a shirt is a good way to brighten your outfit, says Laura Shankland of H&M Canada.

Women's roll-up shirt, $39.50-$49.50, above, and men's blazer, $98, both available at Gap.

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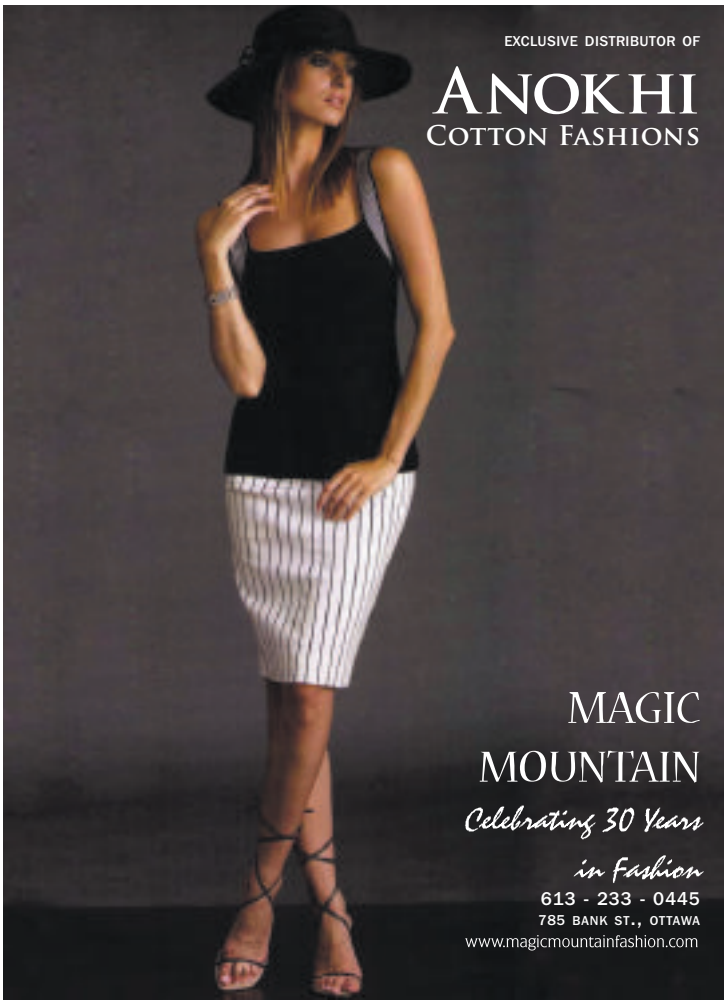
A selection of pants suitable for work are available at Gap, ranging in price from $49.50 to $79.50.



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Group wants Guru movie banned

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"We have officially not received any request from any Hindu organization regarding The Love Guru," a spokesperson at the Mumbai-based Central Board of Film Certification said.

music

New Ne-Yo album due out August

DELAY Originally due June 24, Ne-Yo's third Def Jam album, Year of the Gentleman, has been pushed back to Aug. 5 while the artist completes additional songs for the project.

The album features production by longtime Ne-Yo colleagues Stargate, Christopher "Tricky" Stewart, J.R. Rotem and members of Ne-Yo's Atlanta-based Compound Entertainment crew.

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-	362	13	CBS	Dr. Phil (N)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		(10:01) Without a Trace (N)		Two/Half Men
216	395	14	OMN2	Law & Order: SVU		News (N)		News (N)		King	King	Cold Case
214	344	15	CITY	Friends	Hollywood	Ugly Betty (N)		Supernatural (N)		Biography "Martin Short"		News (N)
115	343	16	CFMT	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	News (N)		Vivere Il	News (N)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Metropia
218	345	18	CH	The Insider (N)	E! News	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Trophy Wife (2006, Suspense) Brooke Burns. Premiere.				News (N)
-	361	20	ABC	News (N)	Entertainment	Ugly Betty (N)		Grey's Anatomy (N)		(10:02) Lost (N)		News (N)
512	396	24	CPAC	Revue Politique		L'Heure politique		La Période de questions		Revue Politique		Heure polit.
651	355	25	CTS	Full House	Facts of Life	Michael Coren Show		100 Huntley Street		Life Today	This Is Day	John Hagee
-	365	36	FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		News (N)		News
-	-	64	PBS	Business Rpt.	Equitrekking	Yes, Minister	Time Goes By	Monarch of the Glen		Poldark		Tavis Smiley
205	312	104	CTV	ER "The Chicago Way"		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Grey's Anatomy (N)		(10:02) Lost (N)		News (N)
502	390	26	NW	News (N)	Newman	The Hour Ben Stein.		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		National
500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
406	417	27	net	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies. From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia.						Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet Con.
126	730	28	RDI	Dominique Poirier en direct		Grands reportages (SC)		Le Téléjournal (SC)		Le Club des ex	Le National	Le Téléjournal
400	280	30	TSN	That's Hockey	NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Semifinal Game 6 -- Pistons at Magic					SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		
410	403	52	SCR	To Be Announced		NBA Basketball: Western Conference Semifinal Game 6 -- Hornets at Spurs					Score Tonight	The Spin
411	457	56	OLN	Exploration	Videos	Everest: Man	Jet Set	Mark Williams' Big Bangs (N)		Don't Forget Your Passport		Pilot Guides
417	406	59	SC	NASCAR All-Star '08 (N)		Countdown to All-Star (N)		Sprint Pit Crew Challenge (N)				All Star
554	544	48	TEL	George-Jungle	Road Runner	Scooby Doo	Futurama	Robot Chicken	Tripping-Rift	Robot Chicken	Robot Chicken	Tripping-Rift
557	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Smart Guy	Zack & Cody	Naturally Sadie	Han. Montana	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
551	542	65	YTV	Malcolm-Mid.	Prank Patrol	Fries That?	Mon. Warriors	Futurama	Shadow Raider	Falcon Beach		Mystery Hnt.
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615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami		The First 48 (HDTV)		The First 48 (HDTV) (N)		Crime 360 (HDTV) (N)		The First 48
628	584	32	SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		TNA iMPACT! (N)				Ult. Fighter
521	560	34	TLC	Wa$ted	Greenovate (N)	Overhaulin' "Brushtang"		American Chopper		Miami Ink (HDTV) (N)		Amer. Chopper
145	761	35	TV5	Toute une histoire		Envoyé spécial			Claude Lelouch, on s'aimera		Design	Journal TV5
616	521	39	SHO	ReGenesis (HDTV)		Intelligence (DVS)		G-Spot	Exes & Ohs	The Shield		House
620	523	40	BVO	From the Spirit	In the Mind	Cleveland	Get Shorty ★★★ (1995, Comedy) John Travolta.				Bravonews	Law & Order
520	505	42	DIS	Daily Planet (N)		The Lusitania: Murder on the Atlantic				MythBusters		Daily Planet
575	583	43	CMT	(6) Ultimate Bands		Project Dad	Project Dad	Reba	Hope & Faith	Home Improve.	Roseanne	Dedicated (N)
601	562	45	SLC	Women on Top	Til Debt-Part	Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Last 10	Bulging Brides	Biggest Loser Australia		Rich Poor
625	548	46	COM	Air Farce	Air Farce	Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	VIP	Jon Dore Show	Daily Show
294	529	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Friends	Friends	Driven ★ (2001, Action) Sylvester Stallone, Kip Pardue.				Seinfeld
600	564	49	H&G	House Hunters	Buy Me	Holmes on Homes (N)		Disaster DIY	The Big Flip	Handyman Superstar		Holmes-Homes
627	528	50	SPC	Stargate SG-1		Star Trek: Voyager		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Night Stalker		Stargate SG-1
581	566	53	MTV	MTV Screen	Cribs	4REAL	MTV Peaks '08	The Paper	Hills	The Hills	Hills Aftershow	MTV Live
618	524	54	TROP	Big Screen	Big Screen	ET Canada	What Happen?	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier	Family Guy
522	506	55	HIS	JAG "Ice Queen" (DVS)		Vimy Ridge: Heaven to Hell			Vimy Under	Crime Stories		JAG (DVS)
129	773	60	CD	Biographies Brooke Shields.		Parco détec	Les Arna	Dossiers FBI		Escrocs		Surveillance
261	394	61	V	Murder, She Wrote		May-December	Keeping Up	The Manchurian Candidate ★★★ (1962, Suspense) Frank Sinatra.				
602	567	62	W	Will & Grace	Friends	Divine Design	House	Confidential	Save Us-House	Wasted!	Save Us-House	House
269	350	70	APTN	Raven Tales	Wapos Bay	Canadian Geographic		Winnipeg Comedy Festival		The Mix (N)	Cowboy C'try	Moccasin Flats
621	527	71	TLK	Look-A-Like	Hollywood	TMZ (N)	eTalk	American Idol Extra (N)		The Tonight Show-Jay Leno		eTalk
603	561	95	FN	Ricardo	Chef at Home	Restaurant Makeover		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Secret Life of	Secret Life of	Ace of Cakes

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critics'corner

Futurama

This episode answers the question "Just how stupid is Fry?" Apparently he's so moronic that when giant flying brains try to take over Earth by turning everyone into idiots, Fry (voice of Billy West) is the only one resistant to them. Why? He's already an imbecile, so it's impossible for him to become any more unintelligent. 8:30 PM on 48 TEL

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation

A famous Vegas gangster is murdered, and the prime suspect is none other than the CSI team's own Warrick Brown (Gary Dourdan). Of course he's innocent ... or is he? Warrick himself isn't entirely sure whether he committed the crime. Let's hope Grissom (William Petersen) and the gang can get to the bottom of this. Marg Helgenberger, George Eads and Eric Szmanda also star in the season finale, "For Gedda." 8 PM on 7 CTV

celebritybuzz

Joel's night out angers Nicole

While Nicole Richie was home caring for her baby, her fiancé, Good Charlotte front man Joel Madden, spent a night partying with actress Lindsay Lohan, starmagazine.com reports.

Needless to say, the reality TV star was crushed.

The trouble started for the new mom after she decided to stay home with Harlow, her four-month-old daughter with Madden, while he deejayed at a Cinco de Mayo party in Los Angeles. However, while there, Madden reportedly seemed more interested in Lohan than in spinning records.

"Their heads were practically touching, and he had his leg over hers," says one onlooker. "Joel has a flirtatious side, and he definitely wasn't turning her away."

Richie was immediately alerted to the situation by her pal Paris Hilton, who sent her a text message: "Lindsay was all over Joel!"

Richie is then said to have frantically tried to call Madden, but he wasn't answering his phone.

"He was so zeroed in on Lindsay, he never heard his cell ring," a friend said. "Nicole felt so incredibly helpless and upset that she threw her phone against the wall in a rage."

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Maxim lauds Marisa

Supermodel Marisa Miller is the hottest woman in the world, according to Maxim magazine.

Miller "embodies the official return of the all-American supermodel," People.com quotes the magazine as saying. "Not since Cindy Crawford ruled the catwalk has a pinup born and bred on U.S. soil so thoroughly captured the imagination of the American male."

Of her career, Miller says, "I get a kick out of it, but it would be stupid to let it go to my head. It's modelling – I didn't find the cure for cancer."

Other stars on the list include actress Scarlett Johansson in the No. 2 spot, actress Jessica Biel at No. 3, and actress Eva Longoria Parker, whom the magazine dubs "hotter than a truckload of jalapenos," at No. 4.

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Shayne's racy photos

She may be engaged, but The Bachelor: London Calling winner Shayne Lamas isn't saving everything for her future husband Matt Grant, thehollywoodgossip.com reports.

Lamas is appearing on the cover of Girls Gone Wild magazine. In a racy six-page photo spread, Lamas, 22, reveals details of her time on the reality show. She reportedly admits she jumped on board The Bachelor in order to seek fame.

"It's what every girl wants," she said, characterizing Grant, as being "very casual (and) respectful of women."

Girls Gone Wild publisher Joe Francis says Lamas' appeal is easy to sum up: "Shayne has a genuine 'girl next door' quality," he said in a press release. "And she also happens to be very hot."

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Halle to wed baby daddy

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Halle Berry and Gabriel Aubry are reportedly engaged, female-first.co.uk reports.

Canadian model Aubry, who has a one-month-old daughter Nahla Ariela with Berry, is said to have proposed to the actress, and given her a ring which belonged to his grandmother.

"Gabriel felt the time was right to propose," a source said. "He gave her the family heirloom because he wanted to show her how much she means to him, and how she will be accepted into the Aubry family. The ring belonged to Gabriel's grandmother – it was her engagement ring."

Berry was first seen wearing a diamond ring in Los Angeles over the weekend.

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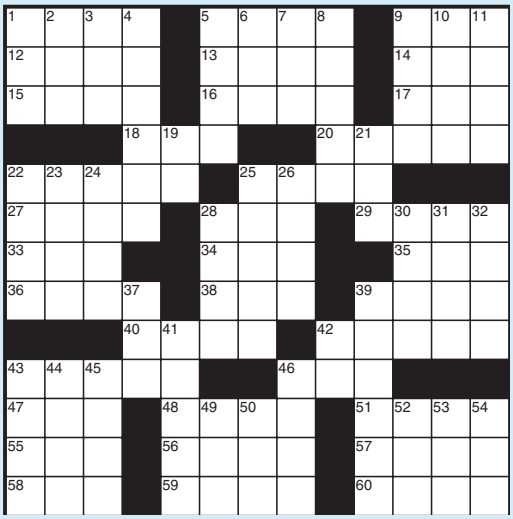

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21 Mideast export
22 Use force
23 Was in debt
24 Arm bone
25 Rho follower
26 Perched on
28 Cookout or banquet
30 Leaves breathless
31 Castle defense
32 "Diana" singer
37 Beaded shoe
39 Hard rolls
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22 Cave entrance
25 Wine served warm
27 Leather punches
28 Engineering sch.
29 The Dalai —
33 Howard or Berry
34 Psychological self
35 Outscored
36 Red-waxed cheese
38 Roadie's gear
39 Toucan feature
40 Earthen jar
42 Vermicelli
43 City near Syracuse
46 Good disguise
47 Current
48 Over with
51 Just scraped by
55 Ski lodge instructor
56 Polish prose
57 Brain part
58 Sun, in Mazatlan
59 Society newbies
60 Bro and sis

previous answer

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instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES | March 21-April 20
Make necessary changes to your lifestyle now. Problems indicate that maintenance is dysfunctional. Avoid battles with authority figures.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
There's a commotion in the cruel world. A ridiculous scandal is about to break out. Apologize when misunderstandings occur.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Frustration with outdated rules can be eased. Be ready for some head spinning revelations. Follow your dreams in order to make things right.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
A man will knock on the door for the last time. Commit yourself to a positive course of action. Dreams and fantasies will come true.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
A helper teaches you more than enough. A competitor's smile will make people nervous. Your emotional fitness level will rise.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
One of your most cherished goals is within reach. Don't waste any tears on an offensive person. You'll reap a strange reward.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
Things aren't as bad as they seem. It might take forever to get somewhere, but it'll be fun. March to the beat of a different drummer.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
Someone will be acting unusually strangely. Don't wear your heart on your sleeve just yet. Moodiness will interfere with a plan.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
There will be a delay that can't be helped. Visit with friends with something to share. Shake a skeleton out of a closet.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Don't let any bitterness bite you. A clue is given about something new. An informant makes a comment about promotions.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
An important man needs help with a surprise. Be humble when someone gives praise. Catch a big mistake in the nick of time.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Your mind is geared toward looking for insights. Expect adjustment problems. Your diet plan can wait for another day

AVATAR VENUS

This Day IN HISTORY

May 15, 1252: Pope Innocent IV issues the papal bull that authorized the torture of heretics in the Medieval Inquisition.
May 15, 1905: Las Vegas, Nevada, is founded when 110 acres, in what later would become downtown, are auctioned off.
May 15, 1935: The Moscow subway system, one of the world's most heavily used systems, was opened to public.
May 15, 1940: McDonald's opened its first restaurant in San Bernardino, California.

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Ottawa weather

Afternoon	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mainly sunny. 17°	Clear. 5°	Cloudy. 17° / 8°	Showers. 60% 17° / 8°	Showers. 60% 15° / 6°

The Weather Network
theweathernetwork.com

Temperature
Normals
High: 18.9°
Low: 6.9°

Records
High: 30°/1998
Low: 0°/1947

Sunrise: 5:32 a.m.
Sunset: 8:26 p.m.
Moonset: 3:15 a.m.
Moonrise: 4:20 p.m.

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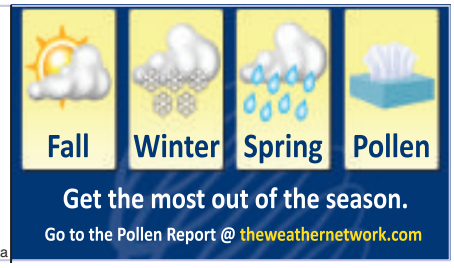

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Draw Date: _____

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